

REMARKS

Claims 13-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable under the Ha reference. Claims 13-16 have been cancelled without prejudice, rendering the rejection thereto is now moot. Applicants submit therefore, that this Application contains only claims which have been allowed by the Examiner.

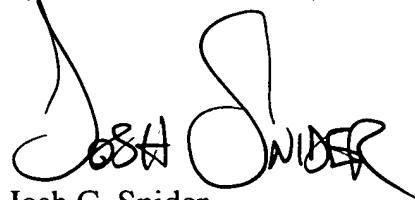
Applicants further respectfully request that the Examiner note the change in inventorship by the cancellation of claims 13-16. Yoji Nagase remains as the sole inventor of claims 1-12.

For all of the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that this Application, including claims 1-12, is in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney should he find that any further issues related to patentability exist.

Respectfully submitted,

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